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JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

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SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT

REF: (A) TOKYO 6215; (B) TOKYO 6216; (C) STATE 104987

1. BEFORE WE PROCEED TO ESTABLISH OUR POSITION WOULD
APPRECIATE YOUR RESONSE TO A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS RAISED
IN REFTELS (A) AND (B):

A. IS THE OBJECTIVE OF PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN REFS A AND
B TO HAVE GOJ STOP ONGOING DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND SUBSTI-
TUTE US EQUIPMENT? IF SO, WILL THIS JEOPARDIZE THE R&D
COOPERATION WHICH WE HAVE ADVOCATED? WILL THIS BE ACCEPT-
ABLE TO GOJ IN VIEW OF THEIR WISH TO MAINTAIN A TECHNO-

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LOGY BASE?

B. IS THE OBJECTIVE TO HAVE JDA SPEND MORE ON DEFENSE OR
REALLOCATE WITHIN CURRENT LEVELS? WILL ACQUISITION OF NEW
SYSTEMS, ENCOURAGED BY THE US, DETRACT FROM THE JDA'S
ABILITY TO IMPROVE THEIR LOGISTIC POSTURE? SHOULD WE BE
ASKING FOR LOGISTICS BUYS FOR THE US INSTEAD OF NEW

SYSTEMS ACQUISITION?

C. ARE PROPOSALS MEANT ONLY IN A LONG TERM CONTEXT? MORE

PRECISELY, WHAT WOULD BE THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO THE US
FOR EACH OF THE OPTIONS PROPOSED?

D. WILL THE CREDIBILITY OF THE US POLICY OF ADVOCATING
QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE DEFENSE OF JAPAN BE
BROUGHT INTO QUESTION BY STRESSING ACQUISITION FOR REASONS
OF US COMPARATIVE TRADE ADVANTAGE INTO THE PRODUCTION OF
MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

E. WE HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT JAPANESE ECONOMIC REFORM
SHOULD BE APPLICABLE TO THE EC AS WELL. IF WE TRY TO
STIMULATE PURCHASE OF AMERICAN DEFENSE ARTICLES, CAN WE
NOT EXPECT THE EC TO DEMAND THE SAME CONSIDERATION FROM
THE GOJ? IF SO, WILL THIS NOT LEAD TO GREATER DIVERSITY
OF EQUIPMENT RATHER THAN LESS?

2. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE CLARIFICATION ON THE SPECIFIC
SYSTEMS YOU SUGGEST.

A. WOULD THE GOJ BE WILLING TO STOP DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT/
PRODUCTION ON HEAVY MAT, NEC OPS-12, DOMESTIC SONAR,
MITSUBISHI MK-73, HSS-2B, AND ASM? COULD A VIABLE MILI-
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TARY INDUSTRIAL BASE BE MAINTAINED IF GOJ CANCELS THESE
EFFORTS?

B. HOW WOULD THE GOJ RATIONALIZE TRADE MOTIVATED
SWITCHES FROM THE L-90 AND ROLLS ROYCE OLYMPUS TO US
SYSTEMS TO THE EC NATIONS PROVIDING THESE SYSTEMS?

C. IS GOJ SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN US REPLACEMENT FOR 107
TYPE HELICOPTERS, FOR T-33'S, AND FOR C-1'S; AND IF SO,
IN WHAT TIME FRAME?

D. IS GOJ ACQUISITION OF FXX, AEGIS, AND CARRIER TYPE
VTOL AIRCRAFT BEING ACTIVELY CONSIDERED? IF SO, HAVE
YOU FOUND ANY INDICATION OF FUNDAMENTAL SHIFTS IN DEFENSE
POLICY?

E. YC-14/15 IS NOT CURRENTLY BEING FUNDED. FURTHER
DEVELOPMENT OF AMST HAS BEEN CANCELLED. REQUEST FURTHER
EXPLANATION OF YOUR POSITION THAT THESE AIRCRAFT COULD
BE STRONG CONTENDERS FOR THE TRANSPORT X PROGRAM.

F. IN WHAT WAY WOULD THE GOJ EMPLOY PHOENIX?

G. AIM-9L IS RELEASED FOR SALE. THE USN COMMITMENT
DECISION TO THE AN/SQS-56 HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE. WHAT
NEW INITIATIVES DO YOU VISUALIZE REGARDING THESE PROGRAMS
AT THIS TIME?

H. MANPADS ARE COVERED BY SPECIAL USG POLICIES APPLICABLE
WORLD-WIDE. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON WHY WE SHOULD
ASK FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THIS POLICY FOR STINGER FOR JAPAN.
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